**Cherokee County Board of Education**

**Regular Board Meeting - Work Session**
**09/18/2025 05:30 PM**
**1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, GA 30114**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendees - Voting Members**

Janet Read Welch, Board Chair
Patsy Jordan, Vice-Chair
Kelly Poole, Board Member
Chance Beam, Board Member
Robert Rechsteiner, Board Member
Erin Ragsdale, Board Member
Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Board Member

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**
*Chair, Janet Read Welch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.*

**II. SUPERINTENDENT WELCOME**
Dr. Davis welcomed everyone in attendance.

**III. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

**1. Third-Party Validation of Floating Homestead Exemption Projections, STAAP LLC**
STAAP LLC provided the third-party validation of floating homestead exemption projections, as information.

**IV. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

**1. Finance:**

**a. Kenneth Owen, Chief Financial Officer**
Provided the monthly finance report, as information.

**b. Mike McGowan, Chief of Staff**
Legislative Priorities 2026 Report, as information.

**c. Mike McGowan, Chief of Staff**
Provided an update on status of local legislation HB845.

**2. Capital Outlay:**

**a. Trey Moores, Chief Support Services Officer**
Provided the monthly Capital Outlay report, as information.

## V. ADJOURNMENT

*The work session meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.*

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Janet Read Welch
School Board Chair

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Mary Elizabeth Davis
Superintendent

Cherokee County School District

**Cherokee County Board of Education**

**Regular Board Meeting - Business Session**
**09/18/2025 07:00 PM**
**1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, GA 30114**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendees - Voting Members**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**
*Chair Janet Read Welch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS/REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**IV. RECOGNITIONS**

1. **America's Healthiest Schools – Free Home Elementary School**

**V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
*No members of the public signed up to address the school board.*

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
*On a motion by Kelly Poole and seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried the Board approved the minutes of the Work Session and Business Board Meeting held on August 21, 2025. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.*

**VII. ACTIONS**

1. **Proclamation to Honor Constitution Week**
*Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve a Proclamation to Honor Constitution Week as presented, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.*

2. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations and Reappointments**
*Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve human resources employment recommendations and reappointments, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.*

## VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Kelly Poole made a motion at 7:16 p.m. to move into executive session to discuss a Student Discipline Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757), a Real Estate Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(4)), a Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(6)), and a Legal Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2). The motion was seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and approved by the Board with a 7/0 vote.*

*Kelly Poole made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:17 p.m. seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.*

*Kelly Poole made a motion to uphold the findings and disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #25-164295, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.*

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.*

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| Janet Read Welch | Mary Elizabeth Davis |
| School Board Chair | Superintendent |